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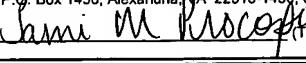
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple independent claim, if not paid
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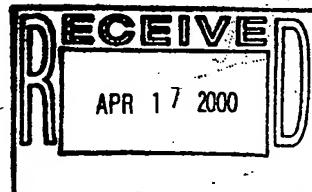
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
 1. received.
 2. received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) _____.
 3. received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 14) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 15) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 16) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 17) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 18) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 19) Other: _____.

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Disclosure

The nucleotide and or amino acid sequences are not in compliance with the rules set forth in MPEP § 1.821. The specification and claims should identify the appropriate sequences of reference.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-3, 9 drawn to isolated an STRAP-1 polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- II. Claims 10-11, drawn to an isolated STRAP-2 polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- III. Claims 4-8 drawn to isolated STRAP-1 polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, and methods of producing the polypeptide thereof, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, class 435, subclasses 69.1, 320.1, and 325.
- IV. Claims 12-13 drawn to an isolated STRAP-2 polynucleotide class 536, subclass 23.1.

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- V. Claims 14-24, 30 drawn to a monoclonal antibody or fragments thereof specific for STRAP-1 polypeptide and a method of detecting said polypeptide with said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 388.9 and class 435, subclass 7.1.
- VI. Claims 25-29,31 drawn to a conjugated monoclonal antibody specific for STRAP-2 polypeptide, and a method of detecting said polypeptide with said antibody, classified in class 530, subclass 388.1 and class 435, subclass 7.1.
- VII. Claims 32,34 drawn to an assay for detecting STRAP-1 polynucleotides comprising probes for hybridization and primers for amplification reactions, classified in class 435, subclass 91.21.
- VIII. Claims 33,35, drawn to an assay for detecting STRAP-2 polynucleotides comprising probes for hybridization and primers for amplification reactions, classified in class 435, subclass 91.21.
- IX. Claims 36-38, drawn to a composition for the treatment of cancer comprising a STRAP-1 antibody, classified in class 424, subclass 155.1.
- X. Claim 39, drawn to a composition for the treatment of prostate cancer comprising a STRAP-2 antibody, classified in class 424, subclass 155.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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The inventions of Groups I-VI and IX-X represent separate and distinct products for the following reasons:

Groups I and II, although related by gene family, represent distinctly different polymers of amino acids with different molecular weights which are functionally and chemically unrelated from the polynucleotides of Groups III-IV, the antibodies of Groups V-VI, and the pharmaceutical compositions of Group IX and X.

Groups III and IV, although related by gene family, represent distinctly different polymers of nucleic acids with different molecular weights and different translational events.

Groups V and VI, represent distinctly different proteins specific for different polypeptides comprising different antigen binding regions which further imparts different steps, reagents and outcomes in, related, but distinct assays. Furthermore, these differences are inherent in the compositions of Groups IX and X which are also composed of proteins with varying binding specificity.

The inventions of Groups V-VI and IX and X are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the antibodies can be used diagnostically; for example, to determine the amount of STRAP-1 protein in tissue or blood.

The inventions of Groups VII and VIII, although related, represent distinct methods comprising different reagents and resulting in distinct outcomes: Group VII is drawn to an assay

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whose outcome detects STRAP-1 polynucleotides while Group VIII is drawn to an assay for detecting STRAP-2 polynucleotides.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Furthermore, because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for one group is not required for another group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary B. Nickol Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-305-7143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00 P.M..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa can be reached on 703-308-3995. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3014 for regular communications and 703-308-4242 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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April 5, 2000

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